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STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT II)

Report of Working Group I

I. ACTION TAKEN BY THE WORKING GROUP

1. Working Group I considered the question of the status of preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (agenda item 3) at its 1st to 3rd meetings on 5, 6 and 15 February 1996. It had before it the progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the activities of the Conference secretariat (A/CONF.165/PC.3/3) and a note by the secretariat containing an executive summary entitled "The future of human settlements: good policy can make a difference" (A/CONF.165/PC.3/3/Add.1).

Documents relating to the status of preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

2. At the 1st meeting, on 5 February, the Working Group decided to recommend to the Preparatory Committee that it take note of the progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the activities of the Conference secretariat (A/CONF.165/PC.3/3) and the note by the secretariat containing an executive summary entitled "The future of human settlements: good policy can make a difference" (A/CONF.165/PC.3/3/Add.1). For the text, see paragraph 5, draft decision I.

Statements of priorities and commitments

3. At the 3rd meeting, on 15 February, on the proposal of the representative of Australia, the Working Group decided to recommend to the Preparatory

Committee that it adopt a draft decision relating to individual statements of priorities and commitments in conjunction with the Conference. For the text, see paragraph 5, draft decision II.

Organization of the Conference

4. At its 3rd meeting, on 15 February, the Working Group decided to recommend to the Preparatory Committee that it authorize an inter-sessional meeting of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee in order to consider outstanding organizational matters. For the text, see paragraph 5, draft decision III.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP

5. The Working Group recommends to the Preparatory Committee the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Documents relating to the status of preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The Preparatory Committee takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the activities of the Conference secretariat 1/ and the note by the secretariat containing an executive summary entitled "The future of human settlements: good policy can make a difference." 2/

DRAFT DECISION II

Individual statements of priorities and commitments in conjunction with the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The Preparatory Committee decides that

(a) Participating States should be invited to make specific statements of national priorities and commitments at or in conjunction with the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) in Istanbul;

(b) States should be invited to include in these statements a list of specific actions which, in pursuance of the Habitat Agenda, they will take by the year 2000;

1/ A/CONF.165/PC.3/3.

2/ A/CONF.165/PC.3/3/Add.1.

(c) Organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental institutions should also be invited to make their own statements of priorities and commitments, including specific action to be taken by them by the year 2000.

DRAFT DECISION III

Organization of the United Nations Conference

The Preparatory Committee decides to authorize the Bureau to meet in the inter-sessional period before the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), with a view to resolving the outstanding organizational matters.